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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO BRASILIA, LIMA, SANTIAGO
FROM QUITO MAY 16, REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 2590

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PBOR, EC, BR, CI, PE, US

SUBJ: REPORT OF U. S. MANEUVERS IN LOS DEVELOPMENTS.

1. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TODAY APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BURNS
WITH EXPRESSION OF CONCERN THAT U. S. HAD CIRCULATED ON
MARCH 9 TO LATIN AMERICAN REPS OTHER THAN BRAZILIAN,
ECUADOREAN AND PERUVIAN (PRESUMABLY IN WASHINGTON OR NEW
YORK) AN AIDE- MEMOIRE WHICH TENDED TO SUPPORT LOS POSITIONS
OF OTHER LATINS AT EXPENSE OF TWO HUNDRED MILE HARD- LINERS.
BRAZILIAN SAID PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR HAD SHOWN HIM COPY OF
THIS AIDE- MEMOIRE. AMBASSADOR TOLD BRAZILIAN HE WAS
TOTALLY UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH MEMORANDUM, AND OUR SUBSEQUENT
FILE SEARCH SUGGESTS ONLY THAT IT MIGHT BE SOMEHOW RELATED
TO STATE 34924 OF FEBRUARY 26, 1973. BRAZILIAN CONVEYED
FEELING THAT USG WAS ENGAGING IN DIRTY POOL AND, WHEREAS
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THIS WAS ALL RIGHT AS REGARDS WEST COAST COUNTRIES, IT WAS
NOT ALL RIGHT AS REGARDS BRAZIL IN VIEW OF CLOSE U. S.- BRAZIL
TIES AND CURRENT FISHING ACCORD.

2. AN ASSOCIATED BIT OF GOSSIP PASSED ON BY BRAZILIAN WAS
THAT PERUVIAN AND ECUADOREAN FONOFFS HAVE SOMEHOW CONVINCED
THEMSELVES THAT, AS PART OF PACKAGE TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING
PROBLEMS, USG HAS PREVAILED UPON CHILEANS TO MAKE MAJOR
COMCESSIONS IN ITS LOS POLICY. GOE AND GOP HAVE REQUESTED
MEETING WITH GOC IN SANTIAGO ON JUNE 4 WITH OBJECT OF
PREVENTING ANY CHILEAN BACKSLIDING ON DEFENSE OF TWO HUNDRED
MILES.

3. COMMENTS: WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT PURPORTED USG MEMORANDUM
OF MARCH 9 MAY BE RELATED TO, BUT, IF BRAZILIAN IS CORRECT,
GOP, GOE AND GOB HAVE CONVINCED THEMSELVES THAT USG IS ENGAGED
IN DEVIOUS MANEUVER AGAINST THEIR INTERESTS. IT MIGHT HELP
THE ATMOSPHERE SOMEWHAT IF WE COULD CLEAR UP THIS SITUATION,
EITHER HERE OR IN OTHER CAPITALS. WITH REGARD TO TIDBIT
REPORTED PARA TWO WE CAN ONLY WISH CONTINUED CONFUSION TO THE
OPPOSITION. BURNS

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